

# WAKE FOREST URBAN FORESTRY BOARD

## MINUTES

**March 9, 2009**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** John Patterson, John Pelosi, Don Daria, Earl Creutzburg, Everett Bolton, Austin Proctor, Paul Krebs, and Pete Thibodeau (ex officio)  
**Members Absent:** Tim Bufford  
**Staff:** Ann Ayers

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Wake Forest Urban Forestry Board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**ACTION:** XXX made a motion to approve Minutes from March 9, 2009. Don Daria seconded the motion. The motion was approved X-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Nominations are being accepted for the Wake County Capital Trees Program. We are able to solicit nominations for favorite trees for recognition in the biannual Capital Trees Program awards. The nomination deadline for awards to be presented this year is March 20, 2009 – Arbor Day in NC. Trees can be nominated in four categories: Champion, Historic, Landmark, and Meritorious. Awards are presented at the county commission, town council or city council meetings where the tree is located. Both the nominator and owner of the trees receiving recognition will be invited to the awards ceremony to celebrate the beauty and environmental benefits provided by these honor roll trees.

**Action Item:** Prepare a nomination for the Oak trees saved at Town Hall.

- b. Public Art. An ambassador from the Public Art Team presented information on the Public Art Vision Plan for Wake Forest. The presentation addressed the Mission Statement, Goals, Proposed Organizational Structure, Siting, and Funding for Public Art.

#### ***Recommendations Provided:***

Mission Statement – please consider: To facilitate the creation of art for public spaces that evokes social interaction and sensory experiences.

Funding – please add a grass roots funding options for small donations and estate gifts. Perhaps incorporate gifts of change into an art installation.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Arbor Day

- Tree seedlings arrived on Thursday, February 26, 2009. The Tree Seedling Giveaway was held on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Leftover trees are being given to Holly Spring, Town Engineer, to be planted with the Boy Scouts along the stream banks and greenway trails. This year, we had 200 Black Walnut, 500 River Birch, 500 Bald Cypress and 1000 Chestnut Oak tree seedlings.
  - Arbor Day Programs have arrived.
  - T-Shirts arrived.
  - Poster Contest Certificates were signed and will be framed in time for the celebration.
  - Community House is reserved.
  - Meet at 4:00 p.m. to set up on March 11<sup>th</sup> – set up is limited to posters, flags & wall things due to other events scheduled in the evening. Parks & Rec will set up chairs and the podium on the morning of the 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - The Women's Club and Garden Club are providing refreshments.
- b. Street Tree Planting Project is progressing well. The North Main Street Median planting was laid out this morning. Planting began immediately and will continue over the course of the next couple of weeks.
- c. Web Pages have been delivered to Development Services staff for posting (2/16, modified & redelivered 2/26). We requested a rush posting of the homepage and Buxton Market Study. Urban Forestry pages should be updated prior to the Arbor Day Celebration.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Earl Creutzburg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Paul Krebs seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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John Patterson, Chairman

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Ann Ayers, Planner/Secretary